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# Presidential Silver Medal Honoring James K. Polk Available On February 14

February 8, 2022

WASHINGTON – The James K. Polk Presidential Silver Medal will be available for purchase directly from the United States Mint (Mint) starting on February 14 at noon ET. Polk was the nation's 11th U.S. President, serving from March 4, 1845, until March 3, 1849.

The Department of the Treasury has a long-standing tradition of honoring each President of the United States with an official bronze medal struck by the Mint. The Mint is now replicating this series of medals in 99.9 percent fine silver, each measuring 1.598 inches in diameter.

The obverse (heads) of the James K. Polk Presidential Silver Medal is by sculptor John Gadsby Chapman, and the reverse (tails) is by sculptor John Reich, United States Mint Assistant Engraver in the early nineteenth century.

The obverse features Polk's portrait with the inscriptions "JAMES K. POLK," "PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES," and "1845" along the border of the medal. The reverse features the inscription "PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP," symbolized by two hands clasped in token of amity. On the cuff of the left wrist are three stripes and buttons; the other wrist is bare. Above the hands, the pipe of peace and the tomahawk are crossed over each other.

Each medal is encapsulated and comes with a Certificate of Authenticity.

The James K. Polk Presidential Silver Medal is priced at \$65. To set up a REMIND ME alert for this product, visit <https://catalog.usmint.gov/james-polk-presidential-silver-medal-S811.html/> (product code S811).

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To reduce the risk of employee exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace, the Mint's sales centers are closed until further notice. Additionally, due to operational adjustments in response to COVID-19, our customer service representatives are available to assist with any questions you may have, but are unable to accept credit card information or place your order over the phone. Please use our website for all order placements at this time.

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